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In re application of

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For: **PROCESS FOR UPDATING MAP DATA AND NAVIGATION SYSTEM**

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98**

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In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants hereby notify the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the following documents for the above-identified application. Copies of the documents set forth below and listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A and copy of an International Search Report are provided herewith.

1. European Patent Application No. 0 767 358 A
2. German Patent Application No. 197 46 597 A
3. European Patent Application No. 1 221 587 A
4. U.S. Patent No. 6,128,571 A
5. U.S. Patent No. 6,721,236 B1

Document 1

Document 4 is an English language document in the patent family of Document 1.

In the International Search Report column 11, line 28 - column 14, line 5; column 15, line 47 - column 16, line 1 and column 37, line 57 - column 38, line 54 were cited as "X" category relevancy to claims 1-9.

Document 2

Document 5 is an English language document in the patent family of Document 2.

In the International Search Report column 2, line 23 - line 38; column 3, line 34 - column 6, line 14 were cited as "A" category relevancy to claims 1-9.

Documents 3

Applicants are not aware of any English language document equivalent to Document 3, other than an English language abstract:

The system has a base unit(s) for managing, providing, delivering central navigation data/information, user units connected to the base unit(s), at least one read drive and write drive for data media. The base unit compares stored central data with data read from the medium, produces difference data and/or information and passes difference data etc., via an electronic

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data or communications network to a user unit for transfer to the data medium. Independent claims are also included for the following: a method of producing at least one updated and/or personalized navigation data medium and an updated and/or personalized navigation data medium.

In the International Search Report column 6, line 22 - column 7, line 32; abstract and figures 1, 2 were cited as "P" and "A" categories relevancy to claims 1-9.

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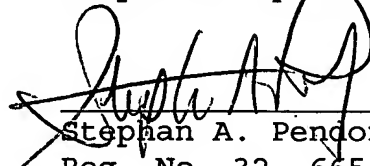


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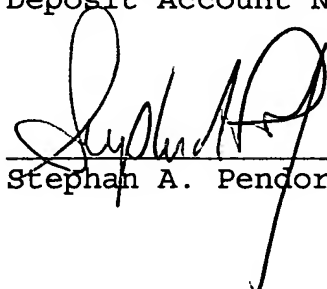

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